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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
8 **FOR THE**
9 **DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

10 **ANGELA COLEMAN,**)
11 Plaintiff,) **Case No.:**
12 **v.**)
13 **SYNCHRONY BANK,**) **COMPLAINT AND DEMAND**
14 Defendant.) **FOR JURY TRIAL**
15) **(Unlawful Debt Collection Practices)**
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17 **COMPLAINT**

18 ANGELA COLEMAN (“Plaintiff”), by and through her attorneys, KIMMEL &
19 SILVERMAN, P.C., alleges the following against SYNCHRONY BANK (“Defendant”):

20 **INTRODUCTION**

21 1. Plaintiff’s Complaint is based on the Telephone Consumer Protection Act
22 (“TCPA”), 47 U.S.C. §227 *et seq.*

23 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

24 2. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over the TCPA claims in this action
25 under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, which grants this court original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising
under the laws of the United States. See Mims v. Arrow Fin. Servs., LLC, 565 U.S. 368, 386-87

1 (2012) (confirming that 28 U.S.C. § 1331 grants the United States district courts federal-
2 question subject-matter jurisdiction to hear private civil suits under the TCPA).

3 3. Defendant conducts business in the State of New Jersey, and as such, personal
4 jurisdiction is established.

5 4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 (b)(2).

6 **PARTIES**

7 5. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Sicklerville, New Jersey 08081.

8 6. Plaintiff is a “person” as that term is defined by 47 U.S.C. §153(39).

9 7. Defendant is a corporation with its principal place of business located at 170
10 Election Road, Suite 125, Draper, Utah 84020.

11 8. Defendant is a “person” as that term is defined by 47 U.S.C. §153(39).

12 9. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors,
13 heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

14 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

15 10. Plaintiff has a cellular telephone number.

16 11. Plaintiff has only used this number as a cellular telephone number.

17 12. Defendant called Plaintiff on her cellular telephone on a repetitive and
18 continuous basis.

19 13. When contacting Plaintiff on her cellular telephone, Defendant used an
20 automatic telephone dialing system and automatic and/or pre-recorded messages.

21 14. Plaintiff knew Defendant was calling her using an automatic telephone dialing
22 system and automatic and/or pre-recorded messages as she received calls from Defendant that
23 began with a delay or pause prior to a live representative of Defendant coming on the line.
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1 15. Defendant's telephone calls were not made for "emergency purposes."

2 16. Desiring to stop these repeated, unwanted calls, Plaintiff spoke to Defendant
3 soon after the calls began and revoked any previous consent that Defendant had to contact her.

4 17. Once Defendant was aware that its calls were unwanted and was told to stop
5 calling, there was no lawful purpose to making further calls, nor was there any good faith
6 reason to place calls.

7 18. In spite of Plaintiff's repeated instruction to stop calling her cellular telephone,
8 Defendant instead continued to call her repeatedly.

9 19. Plaintiff found Defendant's repeated calls to be distressing, frustrating and
10 harassing during this time period.

11 20. Upon information and belief, Defendant conducts business in a manner which
12 violates the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

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14 **COUNT I**
 DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE TCPA

15 21. Plaintiff incorporates the forgoing paragraphs as though the same were set forth
16 at length herein.

17 22. Defendant initiated multiple automated telephone calls to Plaintiff using an
18 automatic telephone dialing system.

19 23. Defendant's calls to Plaintiff were not made for "emergency purposes."
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21 24. Defendant's calls were not made with Plaintiff's prior express consent, as she
22 revoked all consent to be called soon after the calls began.

23 25. Defendant's acts as described above were done with malicious, intentional,
24 willful, reckless, wanton and negligent disregard for Plaintiff's rights under the law and with the
25 purpose of harassing Plaintiff.

1 26. The acts and/or omissions of Defendant were done unfairly, unlawfully,
2 intentionally, deceptively and fraudulently and absent bona fide error, lawful right, legal
3 defense, legal justification or legal excuse.

4 27. As a result of the above violations of the TCPA, Plaintiff has suffered the losses
5 and damages as set forth above entitling Plaintiff to an award of statutory, actual and treble
6 damages.

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8 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, ANGELA COLEMAN, respectfully prays for judgment as
9 follows:

- 10 a. All actual damages Plaintiff suffered (as provided under 47 U.S.C. §
11 227(b)(3)(A));
- 12 b. Statutory damages of \$500.00 per violative telephone call (as provided
13 under 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B));
- 14 c. Treble damages of \$1,500.00 per violative telephone call (as provided
15 under 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3));
- 16 d. Injunctive relief (as provided under 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)); and
- 17 e. Any other relief this Honorable Court deems appropriate.
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22 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

23 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, ANGELA COLEMAN, demands a jury trial in
24 this case.

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO L.CIV.R.11.2

I hereby certify pursuant to Local Civil Rule 11.2 that this matter in controversy is not subject to any other action pending in any court, arbitration or administrative proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 9, 2020

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